

Frederick County Health Care Coalition  
March 14, 2007 General Meeting  
Frederick Memorial Hospital

More than 50 members attended the March 14, 2007 general meeting of the Frederick County Health Care Coalition. Monica Grant, Facilitator of the Interim Coalition Coordinating Committee (ICCC) called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

Julio Menocal, MD, discussed the opening and current status of his private practice, which is providing primary care services for patients including patients who are uninsured and underinsured. Dr. Menocal utilizes a sliding fee scale and some innovative payment plans in his new practice.

Todd Johnson, Frederick Community Action Agency (FCAA), described the expansion of clinic hours and eligibility (up to 200% FPL) under a three-year, \$353,585 grant recently awarded to FCAA.

Tom Kleinhanzl, Frederick Memorial Hospital, discussed the status of the prenatal clinic which has an anticipated opening date of June/July 2007. The facility is in place; funding and staffing are underway.

The Coalition committees provided information regarding work in each of their respective areas:

- Availability: Leigh Joos, Chair reported the Availability Committee has been examining several service models utilized by other counties and other similar coalitions throughout Maryland. In addition, the committee has begun exploration of the funding options available to the Coalition. These might include the consideration of 501(c)(3) status or the use of a fiscal agent should the Coalition wish to pursue grants at a future time.
- Affordability: Pat Hanberry reported that there are many health care bills before the Maryland legislature this year. This committee has brought in speakers regarding the legislative process. Three Coalition members have provided information/education in Annapolis to the Western Maryland Delegation and to the Frederick County Delegation. Pat showed the video, "Faces of Maryland's Uninsured" produced by Coalition member Sarah Penna.
- Prescription: Tom Werner and Katherine Murray reported that this committee has developed web links to three major \$4 prescription programs and has developed a resource guide for prescription programs available to local residents. Information may be accessed at the Coalition website:  
<http://www.co.frederick.md.us/index.asp?nid=1936>  
Power Point Presentation of committee's objectives and progress report:  
<http://www.co.frederick.md.us/DocumentView.asp?DID=3005>
- Community Needs Assessment: Dr. Barbara Brookmyer reported that a vendor to conduct the needs assessment has been identified by the committee. The Board of County Commissioners has approved the contract with the vendor and is

providing funding for the needs assessment. The contractor will prepare a community health profile using existing data, develop a survey to gather gaps in data, analyze the data and then make recommendations for future data collection. The committee is now working with the vendor to tailor standardized questions to the unique types of information most important for Frederick. Anticipated completion is mid-FY08. Input is welcomed from all.

Jim Williams, Frederick Memorial Hospital, introduced Coalition By-Laws that were developed in order to give the Coalition an organizational structure. Members are requested to review the By-Laws and provide input or questions to the Chairs of their subcommittees for further discussion.

A Nominating Committee is being formed in order to begin the process of electing the first Executive Board of the Coalition. Any interested Coalition member may be part of the Nominating Committee. The commitment is brief as an election of officers is planned for our next regular Coalition meeting. If interested, please contact Monica Grant at [mgrant@fredeco-md.net](mailto:mgrant@fredeco-md.net).

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 pm.